

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, 17 and 18 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 3, 4, 17 and 18 are amended to recite features supported in the specification, at for example, page 15, line 20 – page 17, line 1 and Fig. 7. No new matter is added by any of these amendments.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Nguyen during the March 21, 2005 interview. In accordance with MPEP §713.04, the points discussed during the interview are incorporated in the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Amendment Entry with Request for Continued Examination

Entry of this amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.114 because this Submission is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination.

II. Claims 3, 4, 17 and 18 Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Final Office Action rejects claims 3, 4, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,388,649 to Tanaka *et al.* (hereinafter "Tanaka") in view of Japanese Patent Application 07-225387 to Nakajima *et al.* (hereinafter "Nakajima"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, Tanaka and Nakajima, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest a recording method for a photo addressable recording medium including the features as recited in claims 3, 4, 17 and 18.

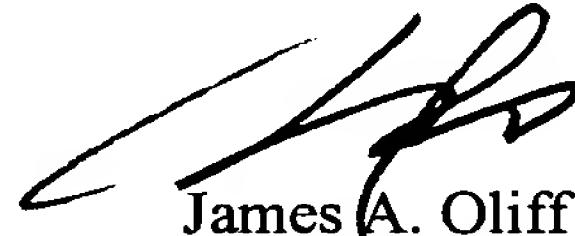
For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully assert that the independent claims are now patentable over the applied references. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 be withdrawn.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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